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1. The reply brief filed 10 October 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and interferences for decision on the appeal.

Information Disclosure Statement:

References A1 and A2, cited on the PTO-1449 form submitted by Applicants on 31 May 2002 have not been considered, because they do not comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) requirements, since they fail to identify each publication by author and publication date. On the office action mailed on 15 November 2004, the examiner incorrectly acknowledged that the IDS of 31 May 2002 was considered. However, Applicants submitted another IDS on 05 November 2004, which was considered.

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